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MEMORANDUM

TO: All OHSM Staff

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**SUBJECT: CERTIFIED COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS ISSUED BY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

This is to officially inform you that the Department of Health will henceforth issue and provide only computer-generated abstracts of birth and marriage records and cease to produce photocopies of actual records to satisfy requests for certified copies of certificates by individuals, private organizations, and government agencies. This change in Department of Health policy is made pursuant to statutory restrictions on the disclosure of certain items of information contained in vital records and the computerization of our birth and marriage records from 1909 to the present.

Please direct all inquiries for further information or clarification of this policy to Dr. Alvin T. Onaka, State Registrar and Chief of the Office of Health Status Monitoring at (808) 586-4600.